

As is true of our missing service men and women, they deserve nothing less.

TRIBUTE TO REAR ADM. THOMAS
A. MERCER, USN

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 18, 1995

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor to rise today in salute of an outstanding individual, community and military leader. Mr. Speaker, Rear Adm. Thomas A. Mercer, who until recently commanded the Naval Postgraduate School, provided 33 years of service to the U.S. Navy and to my central coast community. His contributions will be remembered and sorely missed.

Graduating with distinction from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1962, Rear Admiral Mercer served a 3-year tour of duty in the U.S. Navy, including a Southeast Asia combat deployment. He later attended the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA and was awarded a master of science degree in aeronautical engineering in 1969.

Rear Admiral Mercer's remarkable career has been demonstrated by his assignments and duties throughout the country and the world. He has been awarded 17 medals and awards that recognize his distinguished service, including the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Distinguished Service Medal and Defense Superior Service Medal. I am very pleased to commend Rear Admiral Mercer for his contributions to our country.

In addition, Rear Admiral Mercer significantly contributed to the Monterey Peninsula community. He has served as the superintendent of the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA since January 1993. His contributions there helped to retain the school in Monterey and he has worked with other institutions of higher education to make the region a center of excellence for education and research. Rear Admiral Mercer has also helped many organizations in the Monterey region, including outreach programs to schools, the American Legion, the Salinas Air Show and many more.

We are indeed fortunate to have a national resource like the Naval Postgraduate School in our community, but more so since Rear Admiral Mercer has been its superintendent for the past 2½ years. It is said that Rear Admiral Mercer left every command in better shape than when he arrived and I agree. The Naval Postgraduate School and the entire community have benefited from his leadership. On behalf of a grateful community and country, I wish him congratulations, and very best wishes for a happy and healthy retirement.

IN HONOR OF THE POLISH MARTYRS
MEMORIALIZED AT THE
KATYN MEMORIAL MONUMENT

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 18, 1995

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Polish officers, citizens and prisoners of war who were massacred in 1940 by

the Stalinist Soviet Government. The Katyn Forest Massacre Memorial Committee will have a memorial service on September 17, 1995 to honor the Polish victims. A mass will be celebrated at 12 noon at the monument site.

Many times throughout history, mankind has committed unspeakable crimes that have horrified the world. In April 1940 more than 25,000 people were rounded up by the Soviet Government. Their only crime was that they were born Polish and considered enemies of the state. Their hands were tied behind their backs and they were shot in the back of the head. Their bodies were burned and scattered throughout various locations such as Katyn Forest.

This year marks the 55th anniversary of the brutal Katyn Forest Massacre. The order to execute the Polish citizens was issued on March 5, 1940. The order is a reminder to us that we must remain ever vigilant against intolerance and inhumanity. Their massacre was a genocidal act and we must never forget their suffering and sacrifice.

A memorial was erected at Exchange Place in Jersey City. The monument commemorates the sacrifice of these innocent victims. The Katyn Forest Massacre was a crime against humanity. This elegant memorial serves as a reminder of man's cruelty to man.

I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring these Polish martyrs. They represent a lost generation of Polish citizens. Their memories live on at the Katyn Memorial Monument.

SPECIAL SALUTE TO MORT
MANDEL, CLEVELAND PHILANTHROPIST

HON. LOUIS STOKES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 18, 1995

Mr. STOKES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding philanthropist of my congressional district. Mort Mandel is the chairman and CEO of Premier Industrial Corp. and has spent his life not just donating finances, but also finding innovative ways to improve the Cleveland area and the world. I want to share with my colleagues some of the contributions of this outstanding individual.

Foundations established by Mort Mandel and his family distribute grants for management training, neighborhood renewal, the arts, and health care. Mr. Mandel's Premier Industrial Corp. created a non-profit agency for improvement of the neighborhood in which it operates, and created a school for non-profit management at Case Western Reserve University. Mr. Mandel has also given extensively to the United Way, and has contributed to the creation of the Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences at Case Western Reserve University.

Mort Mandel has for a number of years been a strong supporter and financial contributor to the 11th Congressional District's Annual Christmas Party for poor residents of my district. These are people who would have no Christmas for themselves and their children if it were not for philanthropists such as Mort Mandel.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to salute Mort Mandel today. Mort Mandel has given his

time, ideas, and funding to creative philanthropy. He has used his success to increase opportunities for people's advancement and to implement neighborhood improvement. I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to this exceptional individual.

GIVING LIVES OF TWO CLEVELAND
PHILANTHROPISTS

(By Janet Beighle French)

Why people give has long intrigued those responsible for garnering support for privately funded organizations.

The lives of two Cleveland philanthropists, one present, one past, provide some answers. And, as is typical in Cleveland, their gifts were not only of money, but of time, too.

THE MANDEL TRADITION

"I want to light another candle or 10, maybe many candles, to help eliminate the nightmares around us," said Mort Mandel, chairman and CEO of Premier Industrial Corp.

Mandel's parents, Sam and Rose, set the example.

"They were not wealthy, but they always extended helping hands to others," said Mandel. "When they could hardly pay the rent, mother would squirrel away \$11 for someone, perhaps for a wedding dress, a doctor bill, a refrigerator or stove."

"By the time I was 10 years old, I had internalized a sense that [compassionate, personal giving] was an obligation and an opportunity to help," said Mandel. "My brothers did, too. As we could, we began giving away money."

Along the way, their Premier Industrial Corp. became very successful.

Now, said Mandel, he uses that ability, giving systematically and effectively to stimulate new ideas that will help heal the world.

He and older brothers Jack and Joseph have established a foundation for each family, three private and one corporate, with total assets estimated in 1991 to be more than \$160 million. That year, the four foundations distributed more than \$2.5 million in grants.

Management training, neighborhood renewal, the arts and health care were among major beneficiaries. The Mandels also have given generously to Jewish causes; Mort Mandel is a past president of the Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland.

In 1993, the brothers hired Richard Shatten away from Cleveland Tomorrow (itself foundation-inspired) to operate their foundations. At the time, Mort Mandel said the brothers intended to leave to charity a "very large" portion of their combined fortunes, then worth about \$1.5 billion. The result could be a foundation that would join the Cleveland and Gund foundations as a major force in Cleveland philanthropy.

"We are more pro-active than other foundations," said Mandel. "We use our brains, contacts and money to improve, change, fill a vacuum. We work very hard at it and put in time."

Premier is located in the Midtown Corridor, on Cleveland's near East Side. It created a nonprofit agency to help improve the neighborhood, which Mandel cites as among his top accomplishments. "It's now an umbrella agency, called Neighborhood Progress Inc. The Cleveland and Gund Foundations supported it, too, but we were the largest funder."

"We also started the Mandel Center for Non-Profit Management [at Case Western Reserve University], to see if we could improve the quality of management for nonprofits, so they could do a better job."

"It's been 10 years now and the program has graduated many people. And now they run everything from museums to settlement houses."